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1. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED IN CONVERSATIONS WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS MINISTRY OFFICIALS THAT EEC MINISTERS DISCUSSED IN THE JUNE 29-30 LONDON COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING THE DESIRABLITY OF URGING THE US TO REMAIN IN THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION. ALTHOUGH THERE IS INTERNAL DISCUSSION WITHIN THE DUTCH FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMUNITY REGARDING DUTCH TACTICS, THE OFFICIAL DUTCH POSITION REMAINS THE SAME AS EXPRESSED BY FONMIN VAN DER STOEL TO AMBASSADOR IN REFTEL-THAT THE DUTCH HOPE THE US WILL NOT WITHDRAW FROM THE ILO AT THIS STAGE.

2. DUTCH WORKING LEVEL OFFICIALS CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT SOME PRICE IN POLITICAL OBSTRUCTIONISM MUST BE PAID IN ORDER FOR THE ILO TO CONTINUE TO EXIST--AN ORGANIZATION TO WHICH THEY SEE NO SERIOUS ALTERNATIVE.

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